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ATTN: Charles Goodman, Patent Examiner
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Subject: Patent Application No. 09/025,896

Dear Mr. Goodman:

Please cancel the original specification and substitute the attached Substitute Specification.

Please cancel Claim 4 and substitute Claim 5.

This Substitute Specification includes no new matter.

Reference numerals that indicate features of the invention have been added to this substitute specification.

I have reviewed the prior art again as you suggested. This cabbage cutter is significantly different than all the prior art because of the addition of the permanently affixed cap over the top of the already closed, metal circular top. This feature provides additional strength to the cabbage cutter that is lacking in the prior art devices. The strength and durability of the device is an important factor to consider when choosing a device to cut cabbage.

Sections of this substitute specification have been rephrased for informative and descriptive clarification. All vague and indefinite terms used in the original specification, and objected to by the examiner, have been eliminated. For instance, "the solid top" has been changed to "the closed top", "its sides" has been changed to "the cylindrical wall", and "knife-like cutting edge" has been changed to "the cutting and chopping means". Also, the phrase previously used in the original specification to describe the attachment of the cap (handgrip) to the closed

top that read "a permanently secured cap that covers its solid top and extends slightly over onto its sides all the way around" has been rephrased to read, " a permanently affixed cap (handgrip) that extends slightly over onto the cylindrical body exterior wall."

A marked-up copy of the Substitute Specification is enclosed showing the deleted matter enclosed in brackets and the added matter is underlined. And a clean copy of the Substitute Specification is enclosed.

I'm assuming that the drawing I filed previously is acceptable.

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1. Clean copy of sub specs
2. Marked-up copy of sub specs